

# Community Post

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## Autism support group starts up in Stuttgart

By Nancy Parker

Families affected by autism now have an opportunity to participate in a monthly support group at the Army Community Service Center on Panzer Kaserne. The newly-formed Stuttgart Area Autism Support Group offers resources, legal information and a chance to share information about the effects of autism.

Autism is a neurological disorder that affects normal functioning of the brain. Individuals with autism often have impaired verbal and non-verbal communications skills, and social interaction skills. Autism affects about 1 in every 150 births in the U.S., and according to the U.S. Department of Education, the incidences are expected to increase.

"Information concerning autism at an overseas duty station is very limited," said group co-founder Charlotte Hogan. "We want to provide families with a centralized location to get the information they need."

The group is for families that have a child, or for anyone who has been touched by autism or related disorder such as Asperger's Disorder or Pervasive Development Disorder. This also includes, neighbors, caregivers, or anyone interested in more information and support.

"It's a comfort to be able to talk with other people who share your concerns, and not feel so alone," Hogan said.

Another important focus of the group is awareness. Early detection and diagnosis can lead to better treatment options which can reduce some of the challenges associated with the condition.

Future plans for the group include developing a lending library with recommended reading lists, website referrals, and an Internet message board.

"The group is still in the planning stages. We want this to be a member-driven group to address their needs and wants; their input and suggestions will always be considered," Hogan said.

Meetings are scheduled for the third Thursday of each month, at 6:30 p.m. For more information contact Jodi Cilley at 0711-470-6889 or email [Jodi.Cilley@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:Jodi.Cilley@eu.dodea.edu) or Charlotte Hogan at 0711-489-4170

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## IMPORTANT CONTACT INFO

[Post Operator \(Information\)](#)      0711-680-113

### Emergency Numbers

Ambulance	0711-680-116
Fire	0711-680-117
Police MP (emergency)	0711-680-114
MP Desk (other)	0711-680-5262
Poison Control	06371-86-7070 or 089-19240
From DSN phone	116 or 117
German Police	110
German Ambulance/Fire Department	112
Installation Victim Advocate	0176-262-48894
Sexual Assault Response Coordinator	0162-297-5265

### Other Important Numbers:

American Red Cross	07031-15-2818
Chaplain	0711-680-5000
Installation Operations Center (IOC)	0711-729-2601
ACS/ Family Support Center	07031-15-3362
Housing Maintenance	0711-680-4357

## Community Announcements

### **Party in the parking lot w/ Lt. Dan**

Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band will be rockin' Panzer Kaserne, May 11 at 7 p.m. in the AAFES "Mall for all" parking lot. The event is free and open to all military I.D. cardholders. Call the USO for details at 07031-15-3505.

### **Community Housing Information Fairs**

The Stuttgart Military Housing Office will conduct an Information Fair at Robinson Barracks on Saturday, May 12, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the gazebo next to the Community Club.

Meet the members of the USAG Stuttgart Housing team and hear about upcoming projects and changes affecting your neighborhood.

For more information, call Arno Duchstein at 431-2238 or 07031-15-2238

### **Kelley barber goes on holiday**

The Kelley Barber Shop will be closed from May 11 to May 14. Barber services at the Patch and Panzer locations will be unaffected.

### **Patch/ Panzer Thrift Shops close/ move**

The Panzer Consignment and Thrift Shop and the Patch Thrift Shop will move to its new location in the former AAFES PX building on Patch Barracks, Monday, May 14.

### **Patch GAWC sorting room is moving**

The German American Women's Club Pfennig Bazaar collection room on Patch Barracks will be moving to a new location in the former Patch PX building, behind the wine shack. In the meantime, items, *in good condition only*, can still be dropped off at their current location in the basement of Washington Center. No electronics or furniture will be accepted.

The GWAC is also looking for volunteers to help in the sorting rooms and in other areas of their operations.

For information, e-mail [gncjackson@yahoo.com](mailto:gncjackson@yahoo.com).

- The Kelley Barracks sorting room has been closed until further notice.

### **Abandoned Vehicles on Kelley**

Owners of five abandoned vehicles parked in the Kelley Barracks abandoned vehicles lot need to contact the Disposal Officer for Abandoned Vehicles at 421-4606 or 0711-729-4606 and remove their vehicles immediately.

The abandoned vehicles include:

- Opel Astra-Caravan, VIN WOL000051R2646811
- VW Golf, VIN WVVZZZ19ZJB122596
- Mercedes (white), VIN WDB2010241A395053
- Mercedes (grey), VIN WDB2010291A427865
- Opel Omega, VIN WOL000067M1122175

Vehicles must be removed by June 25 or they will be disposed of.

## **Support Army Emergency Relief**

For the past 65 years, the Army Emergency Relief program has played a leading role in ensuring that all members of the Army family have the help they need when times are tough.

For more information, contact your unit's A.E.R. representative, or check out the Garrison's website at [www.stuttgart.army.mil](http://www.stuttgart.army.mil).

### **Community Bank May Holiday schedule**

The Community Bank locations in Stuttgart will be closed on the following German holidays in May:

May 17- Ascension Day

May 28- Whit Monday

### **Shuttle Bus Service Change**

The Stuttgart Shuttle Bus Service is changing operating hours starting May 15. New schedules will be posted at all the bus stops. The new schedule will provide more frequent runs between the installations and includes additional direct runs between Robinson Barracks and Panzer Kaserne.

Call Ray Eden at 421-2472 or 0711-729-2472 for more information.

### **New business hours for Kelley Legal Office**

Beginning July 1, the Kelley Legal Assistance Office will offer the following opening hours for legal services: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and 1 to 4:30 p.m.

The office will be closed from 12:15 to 1 p.m. Legal assistance is always closed on Thursdays.

For more information, call 421-4152 or 0711-729-4152.

### **Army Ball tickets now on sale**

Tickets for the 2007 Army Ball are now available. Contact your unit representative or the EUCOM Headquarters Commandant's office at 430-8217 or 0711-680-8217.

The Army Ball will be held Saturday, June 9 at 6 p.m. in the Sindelfingen Stadthalle.

### **Intermittent roadblocks on Kelley Barracks**

Due to the renovation of building 3308 on Kelley Barracks, Oak Straße will be partially blocked for periods of time between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. through May 16.

### **Help Our Wounded Warriors**

The Stuttgart chapter of "Sew Much Comfort" gives all community members an opportunity to assist wounded service members during their recovery and rehabilitation process. The group creates, collects and provides adaptive clothing that fits comfortably over medical devices such as casts and prosthetics.

For information visit [www.sewmuchcomfort.org](http://www.sewmuchcomfort.org).

### **Celebrate Asian Pacific Heritage Month**

The US Army Garrison Stuttgart EO/ EEO office has several activities planned in celebration of Asian Pacific Heritage Month.

The official USAG Stuttgart Community celebration will be on Friday, May 18 in the Patch Fitness Center at 11p.m. In addition to food samplings, cultural displays, music and dance, the event will feature the Philippine Consul, Gary Auxilian as the honored guest speaker.

Other Asian Pacific Heritage Month events occurring throughout the community include:

#### AAFES "Mall For All", Panzer Kaserne

May 19: 1 p.m. – Philippine Pearl Dancers

1:45 p.m. – Hawaiian, Ohana O'kaina Mau Loa

2:30 p.m. – Korean Dance

#### Patch Barracks Commissary

May 19: 2 p.m. – Philippine Pearl Dancers

3 p.m. – Hawaiian, Ohana O'kaina Mau Loa

May 20: 2 p.m. – Hawaiian, Ohana O'kaina Mau Loa

### **"European Experience" Photo Contest**

What have you seen to make you thankful for your time spent in Europe? The American Red Cross wants to reward you for your best photograph of your European experience.

The first-place winner will receive half the entry fee proceeds. The second-place winner will receive one free health & safety class of their choice. The third-place winner will receive a Red Cross teddy bear.

Photos must be at least 4x6. \$5 for your first entry, \$2 for every subsequent entry.

Half the entry fee proceeds will support the Stuttgart Red Cross Volunteer programs.

Winners will be chosen by a panel of Red Cross Volunteers on June 15.

Upon submission, all photos become property of the American Red Cross and will not be returned to the contestants.

For details, contact the American Red Cross Office on Panzer Kaserne in building 2915.

### **RB Thrift Shop News**

❖ **SALE:** 10 percent off all items throughout the month.

The Robinson Barracks Thrift Shop is a consignment thrift shop where you receive 80 percent of the sales price. Consignments are accepted every Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

The Shop is now accepting summer clothing and there is a waiting list for transformers, so now is the time to consign them.

The shop has bicycles and the ever popular 25- and 50-cent clothing tables.

Donations are always needed and greatly appreciated, and can be dropped off day and night inside the entrance (and at the bottom of the stairs) to building 196. Shop hours are Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Call ahead before bringing large items: 0711-85-4242.

## **Education and Training**

### **Mandatory Substance Abuse Training**

The Stuttgart Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) office has finalized its schedule for annual ASAP training opportunities.

ASAP training is mandatory for Department of the Army civilians; however, all military personnel, local nationals and contractors are invited and highly encouraged to attend the training.

Upcoming classes are May 15 and 17.

For more information, call 431-2530 or 07031-15-2530 or e-mail [scott.maylender@eur.army.mil](mailto:scott.maylender@eur.army.mil).

### **ACAP offers briefings and workshops**

You can sign up for the Army Career and Alumni Program mandatory pre-separation brief for retiring and separating members as early as one year prior to separation. The earlier you sign up, the more ACAP benefits you are able to use.

Call the ACAP office to schedule your appointment or to sign up for workshops and briefings at 431-2191 or 07031-15-2191.

ACAP offers a two-day job assistance workshop every month. Learn about resume writing, interviewing, salary negotiation, and more.

The next workshop is May 22-23.

Veterans Affairs benefits briefings are offered on the first Thursday of every month. A representative from the Veterans Administration will present a detailed briefing on all available VA benefits including home loans, disability, Montgomery GI Bill, life insurance, and more.

The next VA briefing is June 7.

For more information call 431-2191 or 07031-15-2191.

### **American Red Cross course schedule**

#### **Babysitter's Training**

- May 14 to 16 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- June 4 to 6 from 4 to 7 p.m.

#### **Community First Aid and Safety**

(Incl. Adult, Child and Infant CPR and AED)

- Saturday, June 2 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For more information, contact the American Red Cross at 431-2812 or 07031-15-2812, or stop by the American Red Cross Office in building 2915 on Panzer Kaserne.

### **How's Your Heart?**

The Stuttgart Wellness Center is offering a Healthy Heart class designed to teach strategies to help reduce, control and manage high blood pressure. The class meets in the Stuttgart Wellness center Classroom, in Washington Center on Patch Barracks, May 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

To register, call 430-4658 or 0711-680-4658.

### **Become Tobacco Free**

The Stuttgart Wellness Center, in Washington Center, Patch Barracks, is offering a six-week tobacco cessation class Thursdays, noon to 1 p.m. from May 17 until June 21. To sign up, call the Stuttgart Community Health Nurse at 430-7122 or 0711-680-7122.

### **Security+ Course offered**

The DOD IA Certification 8570.1(Security+) is being offered in Stuttgart on Monday, June 4. For more information, go to the course registration page at: <https://www.uatp.hqusareur.army.mil/classes.aspx?ClassID=4687> or contact Mel Wagner at DSN 421-2475.

### **Conduct meetings, training at DTF**

The Joint Multinational Training Command, Digital Training Facility on Panzer Kaserne has several classrooms set up with 17 multimedia computer stations; each with Internet access and video tele-training.

For more information, or to reserve a room, call 431-2329 or 07031-15-2329.

### **Free Professional Development Courses**

The Civilian Human Resource Agency (CHRA) Europe, Human Resource Development Division, offers free professional development and training opportunities at: <http://cpolrhp.belvoir.army.mil/eur/index.htm>. Click "Training & Development" then "HRDD Courses in Europe" for detailed information.

### **UMUC-E summer session registration**

University of Maryland University College-Europe (UMUC-Europe) announces the beginning of Term 5 registration, May 21 - June 1. Students may visit UMUC-Europe online at [www.ed.umuc.edu](http://www.ed.umuc.edu) for a listing of Term 5 undergraduate and graduate courses. On-site classes run June 4 to July 28; online distance education courses are from June 4 to August 19.

Financial aid and scholarship packets for the 2007-2008 academic school year are now available. Students may complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), as well as apply for one of the many scholarships offered to both undergraduate and graduate students. Students may obtain a financial aid packet from the field representative within their community and should submit a UMUC-Europe Scholarship Application before June 1 to be considered for Term 1.

## **Children and Teens**

### **Autism Support Group meeting May 17**

The Stuttgart Area Autism and Related Disorders Support Group meets every third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the ACS office on Panzer Kaserne. The group is open to all families who have been touched by Autism or a related disorder, whether they have recently received a diagnosis or they have been dealing with autism for some time.

For more information, call 431-3362 or 07031-15-3362.

### **See For Yourself Watercolor Art Show**

The "See For Yourself Watercolor Art Show", presented by Mrs. Kloss's Fourth Grade Patch Elementary School students, will be held on Thursday, May 24 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Patch High School Forum.

In addition to displayed artwork, landscapes, flowers, self-portraits and student poetry, the evening will feature appetizers, prepared by the fourth grade student cooks, drinks and student harpists.

### **Tell me a story**

Tell Me a Story Program, May 24 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at Panzer Hall, featuring "Mercedes and the Chocolate Pilot". This event will bring together German and American Students, and their parents, to hear the true story of Mercedes, a seven-year-old girl who lived in West Berlin during the time of the Berlin airlift, and of the American soldier who came to be known as the Chocolate Pilot. Recommended for students in first through seventh grades. A parent must attend with child. Free book provided to all present. Special Guest: "Mercedes" Wild featured in the book.

Limited space available, RSVP by May 21 at Patch CYS office, building 2347. Call Joyce Kennedy for more information at 430-7465 or 0711-680-7465.

### **CYS Kindermusik class**

Kindermusik summer camp will be a five-day camp for three different age groups and each group will have a 45-minute class each day.

The groups are:

- *Village*: Ages newborn to 18 months – 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Class title: "Peek-a-Boo".
- *Our time*: Ages 18 months to 3 years – 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Class title: "Creatures in My Backyard".
- *Imagine That*: Ages 3 to 5 years – 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Class title: "On the Road".

The class will meet on June 11 to 15 in the Patch Community Club Ball Room.

Cost: Before June 1: \$65, after June 1: \$75. Must be CYS registered.

For more information, call 430-5606 or 0711-680-5606.

### **Volunteers needed for child fingerprinting**

The USAG Stuttgart Provost Marshall Office and the Safe Neighborhood Awareness Program (SNAP) will be conduct child fingerprinting at all Stuttgart DoDDS elementary and middle schools on Friday, May 25.

To volunteer to help, call Mr. Earnest Epps at 430-5560 or 0711-680-5560 or e-mail [eppe@6asg.army.mil](mailto:eppe@6asg.army.mil).

## **JOB CORNER**

### **Victim Advocate (VA) in Stuttgart**

Serco is hiring for a Victim Advocate (VA) to work at the Stuttgart ACS. This is a non-clinical position providing victim advocacy services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Apply online at <http://www.serco-na.com>.



### **Food service positions for new restaurants**

Now hiring cooks and service personnel to staff new food service operations on Stuttgart installations.

Call Patriot Jobs at 0711-707-2386 or e-mail [patriot-jobs@xemail.de](mailto:patriot-jobs@xemail.de).

### **ACS Seeks German-American Translator**

Army Community Service has a position for German Language Translator. This is a contract position, approximately 10.5 hours per contracted week. All interested applicants should e-mail Daniel Mengesha at [daniel.mengesha@eur.army.mil](mailto:daniel.mengesha@eur.army.mil) for the official Government offer, which includes the Statement of Work and Scheduled Services.

All applicants are required to submit a resume with offer and obtain a DUNS number and Cage Code at [www.ccr.gov](http://www.ccr.gov) prior to contract award.

For more information, contact RCO Stuttgart at 421-2951 or 0711-7292-951. All applicants must apply by May 15.

### **Trophy & Engraving Shop**

Part-time position, with long-term outlook. Rare opportunity to join the team at the Trophy & Engraving Shop at the AAFES "Mall For All" on Panzer Kaserne. Looking for mature, responsible, service-oriented, self-starter to sell gifts, place orders, design and engrave (OJT). All applicants welcome. Excellent opportunity for U.S. ID card holder. Call 07031 43 7994 or 0172 596 3326 for more information.

### **Housing inspectors needed in Stuttgart**

There are immediate openings for on-call, off post housing inspectors. Must be bilingual (English-German-written and verbal), extremely flexible and dependable, adaptive and a fast learner, must have outstanding customer service qualities, German drivers license, own vehicle. U.S. ID card holders preferred. E-mail Doris Schuhmacher at [Doris.Schuhmacher@eur.army.mil](mailto:Doris.Schuhmacher@eur.army.mil) or call 0151-12543-690.

### **ACAP seeks permanent part-time counselor**

The Stuttgart Army Career and Alumni Program is looking for a permanent, part-time counselor to work at Transition Center on Panzer Kaserne.

Work Involves presenting pre-separation briefings and job assistance training seminars, as well as, providing transition and job assistance counseling.

Qualifications: Master's Degree, minimum two years in counseling, training, education or related field, and experience with Windows operating environment, word processing packages, such as MS Word and the Internet. Applicants must be eligible for individual logistical support and must not be considered an ordinary resident.

For more details, contact the Heidelberg ACAP Center at 370-7505 or 06221-57-7505.

Submit resumes via e-mail to [heidelbergacap@serco-na.com](mailto:heidelbergacap@serco-na.com) or FAX to 370-7774 or 06221-57-7774.

### **AAFES is hiring!**

AAFES has several job openings throughout the Stuttgart area. Whether you are looking for temporary, permanent, full-time, part-time, flex-time- the time is now to find a great employment opportunity in Stuttgart.

Go to <http://odin.aafes.com/employment/default.asp> for a full list of available jobs and requirements.

### **NAF jobs still available**

The Non-appropriated Fund Human Resources Office at the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, building 3315, Kelley Barracks is accepting applications for the following NAF positions:

**Hotel Desk Clerk**, NF-0303-01, flexible schedules, at the Hilltop Hotel, Robinson Barracks. Starting pay is \$8.25 per hour. Knowledge of basic math, good verbal communication and customer service skills is required. One-year hotel front desk experience is preferred.

**Child & Youth Program Assistants**, at the Patch, Kelley and Panzer Child Development Centers, flexible schedules. Starting pay is \$9.60 to \$15.96 per hour based on education and experience. Transcripts are required. Benefits include training, automatic non-competitive promotions and discounts on child care.

Positions are open to all qualified candidates eligible for appointment under U.S. employment conditions. Visit

<http://cpolrhp.belvoir.army.mil/eur/cpac/stuttgart/index.htm> for vacancy announcements and the NAF Job Application Kit; or call 0711-7292-191 or 421-2191.

## **SPORTS & LEISURE**

### **Stuttgart Arts & Crafts Contest**

May is the month for the All-Army Arts and Crafts contest, and Stuttgart is hosting a local contest. Winners from the Stuttgart contest will go on to compete with artists from around the world at the All-Army level.

Entries will be accepted until May 12 at Robinson Barracks Arts and Photo Center or the Patch Frame Shop. Judging will be the week of May 14 to 18. The artwork will be displayed on the second floor of the Swabian Special Events Center.

Categories for entries include: ceramics, drawings, wood, print-making, fibers and textiles, water-base painting, glass, oil base painting, metals and jewelry, mixed media-2D, mixed media-3D.

The awards ceremony will be held at the Swabian Special Events center, May 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Entry forms and guidelines are available at the Patch and Robinson Barracks Arts & Crafts Centers.

### **Stuttgart Superstars III**

Open to all US ID cardholders 18 and over and out of high school. Participants will compete in nine different sporting events, Saturday, May 12, at the Patch Fitness Center and Husky Field.

Call the Patch Fitness Center at 430 7136 or 0711 680 7136 for details.

### **Wednesday Evening Golf Scramble**

The *Wednesday Evening Scramble* starts May 16, and runs throughout the summer. Come out after work for a nine-hole, 5:30 p.m. shotgun start. Make your regular team or get paired-up on the spot.

Call the Stuttgart Golf Course at 07141-879-151.

### **Patch Fitness Center offering Tennis Clinics**

Free Tennis Clinics are available for those interested in learning the game, as well as current players who are looking to improve.

Beginner, intermediate and advanced classes will be offered from May 21 to 24 from 4 to 5 p.m. and 5 to 6 p.m. Must be 16 years old, or older. Equipment provided, if needed.

For more information, call the Patch Fitness Center at 430-7136 or 0711-680-7136

### **Patch Ski Club spring picnic**

The Patch Ski Club's Annual Spring Picnic is Saturday, May 19 from noon to 4 p.m. on Husky Field, Patch Barracks.

Enjoy an afternoon of food, drinks and live entertainment by local rockers Dicke Fische.

Last chance to join the club at last year's membership rates.

Trips on sale: Siegi Golf 1, Lermoos bike and hike and the Bodensee bike trip. Opening day discount on the Flossfahrt rafting trip. For more information, visit [www.patchskiclub.com](http://www.patchskiclub.com).

### **Art exhibition and sale**

Stuttgart Arts & Crafts is hosting a multi-artist art exhibition and sale May 19 to 20 in the Swabian Special Events Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. All artists are invited to sign up for space in the exhibition.

Art pieces can be: ceramics, drawings, wood, print-making, fibers and textiles, water base painting, glass, oil base painting, metals and jewelry, mixed media-2D, mixed media-3D.

For more information, call 430-4061 or 0711-680-4061 or e-mail: [Kelly.sarles@us.army.mil](mailto:Kelly.sarles@us.army.mil)

### **Beginners Bowling Clinic**

Open to adults and children, each clinic includes two, two-hour sessions. Clinic limited to five participants. Clinics are May 21 to 25, June 18 to 22, July 9 to 13 and July 23 to 27. Cost is \$25 per bowler.

For more information, call 431-2719 or 07031-15-2719.

### **Community soccer**

The Stuttgart Community Soccer team is now holding practices every Tuesday and Thursday, 6 p.m., and Sundays, 3 p.m., on the field by Panzer gym.

All players welcome.

For more information, e-mail [youngll@mfe.usmc.mil](mailto:youngll@mfe.usmc.mil).

### **Quilters Meeting**

The Black Forest Quilt Guild is a German-American group dedicated to the art of piecing and quilting beautiful fabrics. There are opportunities to meet new friends and participate in many quilt activities including annual retreats during the spring and fall.

If you are a quilter or interested in quilting, the next meeting is May 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Kelley Barracks Community Center, next to the Shoppette.

Regular meetings are held on the fourth Friday of each month. For more information, visit: [www.blackforestquilters.com](http://www.blackforestquilters.com).

### **Belly Dancing**

The Patch Fitness Center offers a new belly dancing class taught by award-winning performer Aela Badiana. Class meets every Tuesday in the Patch Fitness Center. The beginner course is 7 to 8 p.m. and the intermediate course is 8:30 to 9:30 pm. Cost is \$30 per person, per month.

For registration and information, call 430-5386 or 0711-680-5386

### **Meet the SLACRs**

The Stuttgart-Local Area biCycle Riders - SLACRs: Stuttgart area cycling community continues to grow. The group includes roadies, tri-people and MTB folk. Interested cyclists and athletes are invited to check out our not so high tech yahoo group list thing for info on local events and rides. Check it out and come ride with us!!

Groups are riding on Sundays from Patch at 10 a.m. and beginning to form weeknight rides with the Wed Spin Cycle and T's TnT (t/th nights).

Groups also meet for local Rad Tour Fahren (RTF) which are organized by German cycling clubs and sanctioned by the German Cycling Federation (ADFC). These rides are well organized and supported with rest stops and include standard pre- and post-ride food and festivities.

For more information, e-mail SLACRs-subscribe@yahoogroups.com or go to the website <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SLACRs/>.

### **White water kayak and camping adventures**

Stuttgart Outdoor Recreation offers white-water kayak and camping adventure trips to Altensteig, in the Black Forest, every month through August.

- o May 25 to 27
- o June 22 to 24
- o July 20 to 22
- o August 17 to 19

Trips depart at 5 p.m. from the Outdoor Rec. office, building 2949, Panzer Kaserne.

Tour price includes transportation, camping fee and kayak equipment. Lanterns, stoves, coolers and some cooking utensils are available. Must be 14 years old, or older, and a strong swimmer.

Call 431-2774 or 07031-15-2774 or stop by the Outdoor Recreation office on Panzer Kaserne for more information.

## **On the Go with the Stuttgart USO**

### ➤ **May 25, Friday: Dinkelsbühl**

At the crossing of two ancient military and trade routes, known today as the "Romantic Straße", lays the picturesque town of Dinkelsbühl. A completely uninterrupted medieval city wall, with towers at various intervals, still encompasses this once-imperial-city which has preserved much of its former medieval splendor. Tour price includes transportation, city tour and USO escort. Departs Patch: 8 a.m.; Returns: Approx. 5 p.m. Cost is \$77 for adults and \$71 for children.

### ➤ **May 25, Friday: Dinner Club - Indian**

If you are in the mood for some exotic foods, let the dinner club take you to an authentic Indian restaurant where you can sample such food as "Tandoori chicken, a variety of Curries, Basmati rice, Naan bread, and much more". Let your taste buds guide you in a journey to the land of the Maharaja. Bring Euro. Tour price includes transportation and USO escort. Departs: 6 p.m. Patch; Returns: Approx. 10:30 p.m. Cost is \$20.

### ➤ **May 26, Saturday: Strasbourg, France**

Join USO for a trip to beautiful Strasbourg - capital of the French Alsace region. First, we will have a guided city tour, to include the famous cathedral and La Petite France. You will have free time in the afternoon for lunch and more sightseeing. Bring U.S. passport and Euro. Travel documents are customer's responsibility! Tour price includes transportation, guided city tour and USO escort. Departs: 7:30 a.m. Patch; Returns: Approx. 8 p.m. Cost is \$73 for adults and \$67 for children.

### ➤ **May 26, Saturday: Ludwigsburg by Boat**

Enjoy a river cruise up the Neckar River to Ludwigsburg. Tour the incomparable Residenzschloß and its dazzling gardens. After your guided tour of this Baroque residence, you will have free time for lunch, sightseeing and discovering Ludwigsburg's fantastic museums. The castle grounds, including the fairy tale garden, will be in full bloom. Bring Euro for lunch, museums, shopping and garden. Tour price includes cruise/ transportation, entrance to the castle and USO escort. Departs Patch: 9:30 a.m.; Returns: Approx. 6 p.m. Cost is \$75 for adults and \$69 for children.

### ➤ **May 27-28, Sun-Mon: Euro Disney Express**

Euro Disney Park near Paris! Discover a place so magical that the whole family will remember. A place where there's always something new to do and see, a place where your dreams come true, an entertainment centre unique in Europe. This is one place you simply cannot miss! You're bound to be delighted with this new way of having fun: restaurants, shops, bars and clubs to take you to the four corners of the world. Bring passport and Euro. Travel documents are customer's responsibility! Tour price includes transportation, entrance fee and USO escort. Departs: 12:30 a.m. Patch; Returns: Approx. 3 a.m.

### ➤ **May 28, Monday: Linderhof, Ettal and more**

Visit Linderhof Castle in the morning then the Ettal monastery and Oberammergau for lunch. Don't forget your camera, there are some spectacular views. Bring Euro for lunch and souvenirs. Tour price includes transportation, Castle tour, Oberammergau city tour and USO escort. Departs: 6 a.m. Patch; Returns: Approx. 10 p.m. Cost is \$99 for adults, \$83 for children.

### ➤ **May 30, Wednesday: Bodenmais, Germany**

Shop 'til you drop at the discount crystal shops in Bodenmais. You can purchase anything from crystal drinking glasses, to vases, bowls, jewelry, clocks and chandeliers. You will also have the opportunity to watch glass blowing demonstrations and, if you like, you can try it yourself. Tour is not recommended for children. Bring Euro, VAT forms and credit cards. Tour price includes transportation and USO escort. Departs: 5 a.m. Patch; Returns: Approx. 10 p.m. Cost is \$45.

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Heidelberg is famous for its romantic castle and its picturesque Old Town with winding alleys steeped in history. The lighting of the castle is a special event that only takes place a few times per year. This fantastic fireworks display makes you imagine that there is a battle taking place. The event culminates with the fortress lit up as though it were on fire. Tour price includes transportation, city tour and USO escort. Departs: 3 p.m. Patch; Returns: Approx. 1 a.m. Cost is \$75 for adults, \$69 for children.

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❖ USO Stuttgart is now selling discounted tickets to upcoming Stuttgart concerts.

- **Justin Timberlake**, May 25 at the Schleyer-Halle
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Call the Stuttgart USO for prices and information.

❖ Do you play in a band? Are you looking for a venue to perform for a crowd? Then look no further! The USO is seeking some musical entertainment for the USO Golf tournament on July 14. The performance will be on a volunteer basis, but will give the players plenty of exposure in the community.

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**AAFES MOVIE SCHEDULE- Patch Theater**

- Movies and show-times are subject to change without notice.
- For updates, call the Patch Movie Line at 0711-120-8222 or go to: <http://www.aafes.com>.

Friday May 11	4 PM	Spider-Man 3	PG-13
	7 PM	Ghost Rider	PG-13
	10 PM	Reno 911: Miami	R
Saturday May 12	1 PM	Spider-Man 3	PG-13
	4 PM	Wild Hogs	PG-13
	7 PM	Ghost Rider	PG-13
Sunday May 13	1 PM	Spider-Man 3	PG-13
	4 PM	Spider-Man 3	PG-13
	7 PM	Ghost Rider	PG-13
Monday May 14	7 PM	Spider-Man 3	PG-13
Tuesday May 15	7 PM	Wild Hogs	PG-13
Wednesday May 16	7 PM	Wild Hogs	PG-13
Thursday May 17	7 PM	Ghost Rider	PG-13
Friday May 18	7 PM	Lucky you	PG-13
	10 PM	Dead Silence	R

**Clubs, Dining & Entertainment****High School Musical LIVE on Kelley Stage**

The Stuttgart Entertainment Branch is proud to present performances of Disney's HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL, based on a Disney Channel original movie written by Peter Barsocchini.

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For more information contact the Stuttgart Entertainment Branch at 0711-7292-825 or visit: [www.kelleytheater.de](http://www.kelleytheater.de)

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Open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and evenings before and during theater performances.

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For more information, e-mail: [alan.buxkemper@us.army.mil](mailto:alan.buxkemper@us.army.mil)

**Robinson Barracks Community Club:**

- **Wednesday**– Game Night, 5pm -11pm
- **Thursday**– Potluck BBQ, 5p.m. to 11p.m.
- **Friday** - Dart Night, 5p.m. to Midnight
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- **Free movies and free popcorn!** Movies run throughout the day. Call or stop by for details.

For more information, call 420-6129 or 0711-819-6129

**The Kelley Community Club:**

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- **Karaoke Wednesdays** 9 p.m. to Midnight  
Are you the next American Idol? Go for it!
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- **Community Appreciation Days-** Every Monday. \$1.00 per game and free shoe rental.
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- **Red Pin Wednesdays-** Knock down a red-pin with a strike and win a free game,
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**Let the Galaxy host your next birthday party**

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# The Trading Post

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## Vehicles:

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# Hemorrhagic Fever with Renal Syndrome

## Fact Sheet

### What is hemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome?

Hemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome (HFRS) is a group of clinically similar illnesses caused by hantaviruses from the family *Bunyaviridae*. HFRS includes diseases such as Korean hemorrhagic fever, epidemic hemorrhagic fever, and nephropathis epidemica. The viruses that cause HFRS include Hantaan, Dobrava-Belgrade, Seoul, and Puumala.



*Apodemus agrarius*, reservoir for Hantaan virus.

### Where is HFRS Found?

HFRS is found throughout the world. Hantaan virus is widely distributed in eastern Asia, particularly in China, Russia, and Korea. Puumala virus is found in Scandinavia, western Europe, and Russia. Dobrava virus is found primarily in the Balkans, and Seoul virus is found worldwide. In the Americas, viruses in the same family cause a different disease known as [hantavirus pulmonary syndrome](#).

### How do humans get HFRS?

Hantaviruses are carried and transmitted by rodents. People can become infected with these viruses and develop HFRS after exposure to aerosolized urine, droppings, or saliva of infected rodents or after exposure to dust from their nests. Transmission may also occur when infected urine or these other materials are directly introduced into broken skin or onto the mucous membranes of the eyes, nose, or mouth. In addition, individuals who work with live rodents can be exposed to hantaviruses through rodent bites from infected animals. Transmission from one human to another may occur, but is extremely rare.

### Which rodents carry the hantaviruses that cause HFRS in humans?

Rodents are the natural reservoir for hantaviruses. Known carriers include the striped field mouse (*Apodemus agrarius*), the reservoir for Hantaan virus; the brown or Norway rat (*Rattus norvegicus*), the reservoir for Seoul virus; the bank vole (*Clethrionomys glareolus*), the reservoir for Puumala virus; and the yellow-necked field mouse (*Apodemus flavicollis*), which carries Dobrava virus.

### What are the symptoms of HFRS?

Symptoms of HFRS usually develop within 1 to 2 weeks after exposure to infectious material, but in rare cases, they may take up to 8 weeks to develop. Initial symptoms begin suddenly and include intense headaches, back and abdominal pain, fever, chills, nausea, and blurred vision. Individuals may have flushing of the face, inflammation or redness of the eyes, or a rash. Later symptoms can include low blood pressure, acute shock, vascular leakage, and acute kidney failure, which can cause severe fluid overload. The severity of the disease varies depending upon the virus causing the infection. Hantaan and Dobrava virus infections usually cause severe symptoms, while Seoul and Puumala virus infections are usually more moderate. Complete recovery can take weeks or months.

### How is HFRS diagnosed?

Several laboratory tests are used to confirm a diagnosis of HFRS in patients with a clinical history compatible with the disease. Such patients are determined to have HFRS if they have serologic test results positive for hantavirus infection, evidence of hantavirus antigen in tissue by immunohistochemical staining and microscope examination, or evidence of hantavirus RNA sequences in blood or tissue.

### **How is HFRS treated?**

Supportive therapy is the mainstay of care for patients with hantavirus infections. Care includes careful management of the patient's fluid (hydration) and electrolyte (e.g., sodium, potassium, chloride) levels, maintenance of correct oxygen and blood pressure levels, and appropriate treatment of any secondary infections. Dialysis may be required to correct severe fluid overload. Intravenous ribavirin, an antiviral drug, has been shown to decrease illness and death associated with HFRS.

### **Is HFRS ever fatal?**

Depending upon which virus is causing the HFRS, death occurs in less than 1% to as many as 15% of patients. Fatality ranges from 5-15% for HFRS caused by Hantaan virus, and it is less than 1% for disease caused by Puumala virus.

### **How is HFRS prevented?**

Rodent control is the primary strategy for preventing hantavirus infections. Rodent populations near human communities should be controlled, and rodents should be excluded from homes. Individuals should avoid contact with rodent urine, droppings, saliva, and nesting materials, and the safety measures described below should be followed when cleaning rodent-infested areas.

### **Recommendations for cleaning rodent-infested areas:**

- Wear rubber, latex, vinyl, or nitrile gloves.
- Do not stir up dust by vacuuming, sweeping, or any other means.
- Thoroughly wet contaminated areas with a hypochlorite (bleach) solution or household disinfectant. A bleach solution can be made by mixing 1½ cups of household bleach in 1 gallon of water. (Note: bleach solution is an irritant and should not be used on humans or live animals. Care should be used to avoid splashing when mixing the solution.)
- Once everything is wet, remove contaminated materials with a paper towel and then mop or sponge the area with bleach solution or household disinfectant.
- Spray dead rodents with bleach solution or disinfectant and double-bag them along with the used cleaning materials (paper towels). Discard the bagged waste in an appropriate garbage container to be collected by the sanitation department. Alternate disposal, such as burying or burning the waste, should only be used in accordance with local and state health and safety regulations.
- Remove gloves, and thoroughly wash hands with soap and water (or use a waterless alcohol-based hand rub when soap is not available and hands are not visibly soiled),

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